

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A resin composition for a seamless air bag cover or a resin composition for a seamless instrument panel having an air bag cover which comprises (A) 50 to ~~[[90%]]~~ 87% by mass of polypropylene, (B) ~~[[0]]~~ 3 to 20% by mass of a thermoplastic elastomer and (C) 10 to 30% by mass of talc, wherein the talc has an average particle diameter of 15 to 25 μm and a distribution of a particle diameter such that a content of particles having a diameter of 5 μm or smaller is 10% by mass or smaller and a content of particles having a diameter exceeding 40 μm is 10% by mass or smaller.

Claim 2 (Original): A resin composition for a seamless air bag cover or a resin composition for a seamless instrument panel having an air bag cover according to Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer of component (B) is an ethylene- α -olefin copolymer elastomer.

Claim 3 (Original): A resin composition for a seamless air bag cover or a resin composition for a seamless instrument panel having an air bag cover according to any one of Claims 1 and 2, wherein the resin composition has (1) an Izod impact strength of 15 to 40 kJ/m^2 as measured in accordance with a method of ASTM D256 at 23°C with a notch, (2) a flexural modulus of 1,600 to 3,000 MPa as measured in accordance with a method of ASTM D790 at 23°C and (3) a melt flow rate (MFR) of 5 to 40 g/10 minutes as measured in accordance with a method of JIS K7210 at 230°C under a load of 21.2 N (2.16 kgf).

Claim 4 (Withdrawn): A seamless air bag cover comprising a resin composition described in Claim 1.

Claim 5 (Withdrawn): A seamless instrument panel having an air bag cover which is obtained by integrally molding a seamless air bag cover comprising a resin composition described in Claim 1 and an instrument panel comprising the resin composition.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the talc is present in an amount of 20 to 30% by mass and a distribution of a particle diameter is such that a content of particles having a diameter of 5 μm or smaller is 8% by mass or smaller and a content of particles having a diameter exceeding 40 μm is 8% by mass or smaller.

Claim 8 (Withdrawn): The seamless airbag cover according to claim 4, having a predesignated splitting portion.

Claim 9 (Withdrawn): The seamless instrument panel according to claim 5, having a predesignated splitting portion.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The resin composition according to claim 1, ~~comprising wherein the thermoplastic elastomer is present in an amount of from 10 to 20% by mass of the thermoplastic elastomer, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer is at least one selected from the group consisting of an ethylene octene 1 copolymer and an ethylene butene 1 copolymer.~~

Claim 11 (Withdrawn): The seamless airbag cover according to claim 4, which is in an activated and expanded condition.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer is present in an amount of 3 to 15% by mass.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the polypropylene is a block polypropylene.

Claim 14 (New): A resin composition for a seamless air bag cover or a resin composition for a seamless instrument panel having an air bag cover, which consists essentially of (A) 50 to 87% by mass of polypropylene, (B) 3 to 20% by mass of a thermoplastic elastomer and (C) 10 to 30% by mass of talc,

wherein the talc has an average particle diameter of 15 to 25 μm and a distribution of a particle diameter such that a content of particles having a diameter of 5 μm or smaller is 10% by mass or smaller and a content of particles having a diameter exceeding 40 μm is 10% by mass or smaller.

Claim 15 (New): A resin composition for a seamless air bag cover or a resin composition for a seamless instrument panel having an air bag cover according to claim 14, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer of component (B) is an ethylene- α -olefin copolymer elastomer.

Claim 16 (New): A resin composition for a seamless air bag cover or a resin composition for a seamless instrument panel having an air bag cover according to any one of

claim 14, wherein the resin composition has (1) an Izod impact strength of 15 to 40 kJ/m² as measured in accordance with a method of ASTM D256 at 23°C with a notch, (2) a flexural modulus of 1,600 to 3,000 MPa as measured in accordance with a method of ASTM D790 at 23°C and (3) a melt flow rate (MFR) of 5 to 40 g/10 minutes as measured in accordance with a method of JIS K7210 at 230°C under a load of 21.2 N (2.16 kgf).

Claim 17 (New): A seamless air bag cover comprising a resin composition described in claim 14.

Claim 18 (New): A seamless instrument panel having an air bag cover which is obtained by integrally molding a seamless air bag cover comprising a resin composition described in claim 14 and an instrument panel comprising the resin composition.

Claim 19 (New): The resin composition according to claim 14, wherein the talc is present in an amount of 20 to 30% by mass and a distribution of a particle diameter is such that a content of particles having a diameter of 5 µm or smaller is 8% by mass or smaller and a content of particles having a diameter exceeding 40 µm is 8% by mass or smaller.

Claim 20 (New): The resin composition according to claim 14, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer is present in an amount of from 10 to 20% by mass.

Claim 21 (New): The resin composition according to claim 14, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer is present in an amount of 3 to 15% by mass.

Claim 22 (New): The resin composition according to claim 14, wherein the polypropylene is a block polypropylene.

Claim 23 (New): The resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer is at least one selected from the group consisting of an ethylene-octene-1 copolymer and an ethylene-butene-1 copolymer.

Claim 24 (New): The resin composition according to claim 10, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer is at least one selected from the group consisting of an ethylene-octene-1 copolymer and an ethylene-butene-1 copolymer.

Claim 25 (New): The resin composition according to claim 12, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer is at least one selected from the group consisting of an ethylene-octene-1 copolymer and an ethylene-butene-1 copolymer.

Claim 26 (New): The resin composition according to claim 14, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer is at least one selected from the group consisting of an ethylene-octene-1 copolymer and an ethylene-butene-1 copolymer.